

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hybrid antigen comprising at least one antigenic domain of an infectious agent or tumor antigen, at least one binding domain that non-covalently binds to a heat shock protein, and at least one peptide linker there between selected from the group consisting of
5 Phe Phe Arg Lys (FFRK; SEQ ID NO:699); Phe Arg Lys (FRK); Phe Arg Lys Asn (FRKN, SEQ ID NO:701); Arg Lys Asn (RKN); Phe Phe Arg Lys Asn (FFRKN, SEQ ID NO:702); Phe Arg (FR), Gln Leu Lys (QLK), Gln Leu Glu (QLE), Ala Lys Val Leu (AKVL; SEQ ID NO:700); Lys Asn (KN); Arg Lys (RK); or AA₁-AA₂-AA₃-leucine (SEQ ID NO:9), wherein AA₁ is A, S, V, E, G, L, or K, AA₂ is K, V, or E; and AA₃ is V, S, F,
10 K, A, E, or T.
2. A composition for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 1.
3. A composition for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising a complex of at least one heat shock protein and at least one hybrid
15 antigen of Claim 1.
4. The composition of claim 3 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.
5. A method for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising administering to a subject at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 1.
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6. A method for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising administering to a subject a complex of:
 - (a) a hybrid antigen of Claim 1; and
 - (b) a heat shock protein;25 wherein the hybrid antigen and the heat shock protein are non-covalently bound.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.

8. A method for treating an infectious disease or cancer comprising administering to a subject at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 1, wherein at least one antigenic domain is from the infectious disease or cancer.
- 5 9. A method for treating an infectious disease or cancer comprising administering to a subject a complex of:
 - (a) a hybrid antigen of Claim 1, wherein at least one antigenic domain is from the infectious disease or cancer; and
 - (b) a heat shock protein;10 wherein the hybrid antigen and the heat shock protein are non-covalently bound.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.
11. A hybrid antigen consisting essentially of at least one antigenic domain of an15 infectious agent or tumor antigen, at least one binding domain that non-covalently binds to a heat shock protein, and at least one peptide linker there between, and wherein peptide linker is selected from the group consisting of Phe Phe Arg Lys (FFRK; SEQ ID NO:699); Phe Arg Lys (FRK); Phe Arg Lys Asn (FRKN, SEQ ID NO:701); Arg Lys Asn (RKN); Phe Phe Arg Lys Asn (FFRKN, SEQ ID NO:702); Phe Arg (FR), Gln Leu Lys (QLK), Gln Leu20 Glu (QLE), Ala Lys Val Leu (AKVL; SEQ ID NO:700); Lys Asn (KN); Arg Lys (RK); or AA₁-AA₂-AA₃-leucine (SEQ ID NO:9), wherein AA₁ is A, S, V, E, G, L, or K, AA₂ is K, V, or E; and AA₃ is V, S, F, K, A, E, or T.
12. A composition for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor25 antigen comprising at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 11.
13. A composition for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising a complex of at least one heat shock protein and at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 11.
14. The composition of claim 13 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.

15. A method for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising administering to a subject at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 11.
- 5 16. A method for inducing an immune response to an infectious agent or tumor antigen comprising administering to a subject a complex of:
- (a) a hybrid antigen of Claim 11; and
 - (b) a heat shock protein;
- wherein the hybrid antigen and the heat shock protein are non-covalently bound.
- 10 17. The method of claim 16 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.
18. A method for treating an infectious disease or cancer comprising administering to a subject at least one hybrid antigen of Claim 11, wherein at least one antigenic domain is
- 15 from the infectious disease or cancer.
19. A method for treating an infectious disease or cancer comprising administering to a subject a complex of:
- (a) a hybrid antigen of Claim 1, wherein the antigenic domain is from the
 - 20 infectious disease or cancer; and
 - (b) a heat shock protein;
- wherein the hybrid antigen and the heat shock protein are non-covalently bound.
20. The method of claim 19 wherein the heat shock protein is a hsp70.
- 25 21. A peptide that is Phe Phe Arg Lys (FFRK; SEQ ID NO:699); Phe Arg Lys (FRK); Phe Arg Lys Asn (FRKN, SEQ ID NO:701); Arg Lys Asn (RKN); Phe Phe Arg Lys Asn (FFRKN, SEQ ID NO:702); Phe Arg (FR), Gln Leu Lys (QLK), Gln Leu Glu (QLE), Ala Lys Val Leu (AKVL; SEQ ID NO:700); Lys Asn (KN); Arg Lys (RK); or AA₁-AA₂-AA₃-

leucine (SEQ ID NO:9), wherein AA₁ is A, S, V, E, G, L, or K, AA₂ is K, V, or E; and AA₃ is V, S, F, K, A, E, or T.